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Mr. H. E. Gibson,  
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Dear Sir:

We noticed in a recent publication that you were the Keeper of Numismatics at the Shanghai Museum. We thought it would be of interest to you to acquaint you with the fact that we have an especially large and valuable collection of Chinese coins. The bulk of these were formed by Mr. John Reilly and the whole collection amounts to over 30,000 pieces including Korea, Japan, Annam etc. We are especially strong in the ancient coins which number several thousand specimens.

We are anxious to keep up our collection of modern pieces, especially some of the odd ones and especially the legitimate ones. We would like to get hold of, if possible, some of the pieces struck in, I think, Western China by a soviet government. These are crudely cut, poorly struck pieces. Could you put us in touch with anyone that we could depend upon to send us from time to time such coins. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator